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(TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay

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General Comment

My name is Matthew Chase, and I live in the Cameron Mills area, near the Canisteo river valley. Located in our area is the Dicksons Corp. they are the largest bio solids land applicator in NYS. They have not been in compliance with state laws or regulations. We have brought the issues to the attention of the NYS DEC for years and nothing has ever been done. Tickets are dismissed when money is exchanged. They make so much money it means nothing to them. I have watch bio waste run off their fields in RIVERS of sludge into area wet lands, creeks and streams, which all flow in to the Canisteo river, which eventually leads to the Chesapeake bay area. I have seen the algea growth explode, once clear creaks are now red with algea or slick with green

algea. I have seen fish floating in the streams, chocked to death in their own habitat. Why can't something be done about this? Why can the DEC just simply look the otherway no matter what we do. Why can they not provide documenation about the actual wastes being dumped on their fields? Their trucks are overloaded and come directly from their waste sites without getting any treatment. They haul at all hours of the night to avoid detection, they haul on weekends and holidays. Millions of gallons of unaccounted wastes are being used!

If they aren't stopped they will continue expanding and the runoff and pollution to the watershed and area watersupply will be completely contaminated.